Roxbury Community College

Twenty-Fourth Annual Commencement

Friday, June 4, 1999

Three O'clock p.m.

Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center

Special Thanks
to the Graduation
Committtee

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

Lift ev'ry voice and sing

Till earth and heaven ring,

Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies,

Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on till victory is won.

James Weldon Johnson

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1999 Commencement Program

Processional	*Brent Irvine Quintet*
Invocation	*Reverend Dr. Michael Ellis*
Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing	*Audience*
Charge to the College	*Mr. Sharif Abdal Khallaq* *Chairman, Board of Trustees*
Recognition of Guests	*Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown,* *President*
Vocal Selection	*Ms. Sharon Moldin &* *Accompanist*
Introduction of the Valedictorian	*Ms. Barbara Burgess* *Dean of Enrollment* *Management & Student Affairs*
Valedictorian	*Mr. Lloyd Wellington*
Introduction of the Commencement Speaker	*Dr. Allen Counter* *member, Board of Trustees*
Commencement Address	*Dr. David Hall* *Northeastern University*

1999 Commencement Program

Presentation of Degree Candidates	*Dr. Paul Willenbrock* *Executive Dean* *Ms. Monica Bond* *Dean of Curriculum & Instruction*
Conferral of Degrees	*Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown,* *President*
Presentation of Certificates	*Ms. Monica Bond* *Dean of Curriculum & Instruction*
Conferral of Certificates	*Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown,* *President*
Musical Selection	*Ms. Sharon Moldin &* *Accompanist*
Alumni Charge	*Mrs. Veronica Spriggs,* *Class of 1997*
Recognition of Scholarship Recipients	*Ms. Marva Nathan,* *RCC Foundation*
Closing Remarks	*Dr. Grace Carolyn Brown,* *President*
Benediction	*Reverend Dr. Michael Ellis*
Recessional	*Brent Irvine Quintet*

Reception immediately following ceremony

Roxbury Community College
Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center Field House

Associate of Arts

Biological Science

Wilder Berger
Benjamin N. Cofie*
Herman J. Francois*
Gerda Jean*
Robert L. Landers
Charline A. Mack*
Roosevelt Marcel*
Idrissa A. Odom*
Daniel Petit-Frere
Juanita Maria Prosper*

Business Administration

Marie Suze Alcindor*
Jocelyn A. Bogard*
Wicleff Sidney Chery
Musibau O. Hassan
Beatrice Njeri Karanja*
Enold Lafortune*
Frederick A. Lydon*
Tyoniesha Anita Murrell*
Anthonette O. Roach*
Patrick W. Romero*
Petula G. Thomas

English

Shawna J. Smith*

Liberal Arts General Concentration

Fatima Z. Breton*
Toni A. Brooks*
Robert C. Burdett*
Sharon D. Campbell
Jian M. Chen
Lynette Comma
Jason T. Domina*
Charlie Rith Duong
Phillip Durant*
Leonie Forbes-Sanderson
Ebyan K. Garane
William O. Graves
Ana J. Hernandez-Coreas
Neycole N. Hill
Faidherbe A. M. Jean-Baptiste*
Christina Johnson
Willie Lee Johnson*
Kenneth A. Kennedy*
Terri D. Lane-Baker*
Zobeida Lopez
Grace M. Mbawuike*
Sakurako Miyazaki
Dominique Marie Monroe*
Florence A. Morrison*
Paula C. Nelson*
Paulette Paul
Plamyenne T. Penka
Iris Y. Perez*
Manuel L. Pires*
Talibah Omari Salih*
Olumide B. Sorimmade
Danijela Stanic
Derrick O. Stewart
Adonay A. Tedla
Suk L. Tsui
Altagracia Velasquez*
Helen J. White*
Eyasu Wolday*
Sheng Huey Yu*

Pre-Nursing

Afi Elom Amesefe*
Oluranti O. Ayo*
Antoinette M. DePina
Bozena Grzadko*

Social Science

Osman M. Abdirahman
Mohamed Boie-Kamara*
Olivia D. Chacon
Harriett Rosalie Griffith*

Bozena Grzadko*
Denise Jackson*
Bruce J. Pitterson*
Beatriz Velez*
Phong H. Vu

Associate of Science

Accounting

Barbara Ann Badohu
Marcia M. Campbell*
Jean Joseph Joas Errie
Carlos Arturo Foster*
Ivan A. Fuentes*
Cheryl A. S. Grannum*
Mohamed A. Jama
Wendy R. Kelly*
Tesfamichael Yosief Kidane
Emmerson C. Layne
Hong Y. Mei
Said M. Mohamud
Millicent Akoth Ochola*
Samuel Rios
Kit Man Szeto
Lloyd Kashope Wellington

Business Management

Adekunbi O. Ajayi*
Barbara Ann Badohu
Clemencia E. Brade*
Patricia Michelle Charles*
Betty M. Deberry-Scott
Beatrice Njeri Karanja
Ernest Mauristhene*
Maria Ivette Pizarro*
Jennifer L. Tariq-Towe*

Computer Information Systems

Mohamed Omar Al-Qshere
Naima Boubakraouy*
Moses Germain
Normil Hellow*
Rodrigue Jaboin
Bachemy Jean*
Loc Phuoc Le*
Hugh F. Little*
Omar S. Oliveira*
Joseph R. Townsend*
Charles R. Ussery
Ermias Zekarias*
Ricot P. L. Zephir*

Early Childhood Education

Celina Degollado*
Eunide-Marie Edouarzin
Sheila A. Foster*
Angela M. Francis*
Sharee Lillette Gittens*
Joan A. Harvey*
Jean Edes Laguerre
Aurelia Mendez*
Rixy Diamara Reyes*
Candyce T. Smith*
Murielle M. St. Paul

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Sheryl P. Choate*
Maria I. Flores*
Renaan Johnson*
Tamika R. Roberson*
Andrea J. Roisten

Medical Secretary

Marie Chantel Nicolas*
Nancy Merisca*
Carmen Ynes Soto

Nursing

Dorreth A. Chambers
Maria A. Davis
Juliet Dempster-Edwards
Marie Estella Felixe-Tanis
Leonie Forbes-Sanderson
Garry Francois
Latonya Renee Guice
Michelle Marie Leonard
Taras Litvin
Winsome Angella Maitland
Estelle May McLean
Elsa Michel
Loretta E Morris
Julienne K. Muteba
Christophine Djoumessi Penka
Ruysdeal Adel-Kadeur Polycarpe
Tarya L. Seagraves-Quee
Janet W. Strother-Paye
Jennifer Patricia Thomas
Enefaa Wilcox
Marta Woldu

Word Processing

Lorenza J. Encarnacion*
Roselia Gomez
Toni W. Hubbart
Anita Izidore
Myrlande Joseph*
Monique B. V. King*
Lilian Angelica Moreno
Anne-Marie Pierre-Louis
Juliette M. Reid*
Carmen Ynes Soto
Davina E. Walker

**Walkers need 1 or 2 courses to complete degree requirements*

Certificates

Allied Health

Adedoyin Brown
Judith Ann Davis
Mulu Gedlu

Bookeeping

Rufina Aponte
Mariko Uzuka

Engineering & Architectural Design CAD

Robert C. Burdett
Stephanie M. Downie
Charlie Rith Duong

Office Technology

Miguel A. Bobadilla
Evelyn L. Freeman
Regina Maximo
Songie B. Murphy
Outhara Pan
Maxima I. Sanchez

Word Processing

Denise Brown
Lus S. Colon
Denise E. Garrido*

Scholarships and Awards

Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson Award

Given annually in memory of the original members of RCC's Board of Trustees, the Betty Johnson Award is presented to the graduating student who has earned the highest cumulative grade point average and has a minimum of 50 credits at RCC.

Lloyd Wellington

Woodbine Associates

Through the generosity of the Woodbine Associates, this special award is presented to the outstanding female and male graduates of 1999 whom the faculty has selected on the basis of academic achievement and service to the College and community.

Outstanding female-Afi Amesefe
Outstanding male-Lloyd Wellington

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

This scholarship, established in memory of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is presented annually to a RCC student who excels in the social science field.

Jason Domina
Olumide B. Sorinmade

The Claudia J. Tucker Award

Given annually in memory of the mother of RCC professor Dr. Royal C. Tucker, this award is presented to an outstanding RCC transfer graduate.

Christina Johnson

James Henry Caesar Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1986 by a Roxbury resident in payment for the opportunities this country and community have given to him and is awarded to a talented RCC student from the Roxbury community. The 1999 recipient of the James Henry Caesar Endowed Scholarship is Marcia Campbell.

Letitia Garofolo Endowed Memorial Scholarship

Established by a native of Quincy, Massachusetts who used her knowledge of languages to live and work in communities around the world, this endowed memorial scholarship is awarded to 1999 RCC graduate:

Paula Nelson

The Thomas Lowe Award

This award is presented to a graduating student whose academic achievement and service to the College and the community exemplify the mission of Roxbury Community College.

Petula Thomas

Therese Dutiles Giles Award

A graduating student who began in the ESOL program who has achieved academically and made a contribution to the College and the community is the recipient of this award.

Danijela Stanic

Francina E. Copeland Gelzer Endowed Scholarship

Given in honor of a resident of the greater Roxbury Community with a strong commitment to education, this award is presented to an outstanding graduating student planning to transfer.

Robert Landers

The Sapers Scholars Award

Through the generosity of the William R. Sapers family of Boston, awards are offered to graduates who transfer to an accredited four-year college.

SAPERS SCHOLARS

Paula Nelson, Tesfamichael Kidane, Jian Mei Chen, Toni Hubbart, Christophene Penka, Tracey Cordwell, Plamyenne Penka, Wilder Berger, Adekunbi Ajayi

Foster Furcolo Scholarship

This scholarship honors former Governor Foster Furcolo who played a major role in creating public community colleges in Massachusetts. Each community college nominates one graduate whose grade point average is at least 3.5. The scholarship covers tuition and most fees at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Antoinette DePina

Boston University/Roxbury Community College Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Boston University to support the fine work of Roxbury Community College in preparing students to continue post-secondary education. For the nineteenth year, two scholarships providing full tuition and fees at Boston University are being awarded. The nominees are Jason Domina, Saida Mohamed, and Olumide Sorinmade.

University Scholars program

Massachusetts Community College Presidents nominate the top academically ranked student of his/her graduating class who has earned a transfer designated associate degree. The scholar is then awarded a scholarship of up to $8,000 to be used at one of the university campuses.

Christina Johnson, University of Massachusetts Boston

Departmental Graduation Awards

Departmental scholarships are presented to graduating students for outstanding achievement in a specific field of study.

Lloyd Wellington, *Accounting*
Tesfamichael Kidane, *Accounting*
Beatrice Karanja, *Business Administration*
Moses Germaine, *Computer Information Systems*
Maria Flores, *Office Technology*
Ernest Mauresthene, *Business Management*
Jennifer Tariq-Towe, *Business Management*
Charline Mack, *Biological Science*
Daniel Petit-Frere, *Biological Science*
Olurante Ajo, *Pre-Nursing*
Afi Amesefe, *Pre-Nursing*
Antionette DePina, *Pre-Nursing*
Estelle McLean, *Nursing*
Latonya Guice, *Nursing*
Osman Abdirahman, *Social Science*
Joan Harvey, *Early Childhood Education*
Sakura Miyazaki, *Liberal Arts General Concentration*
Grace Mbawuike, *Liberal Arts General Concentration*
Fatima Breton, *Liberal Arts General Concentration*

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES

ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 1999 NOMINEES

Afi E. Amesefe

Jason T. Domina

Moses Germain

Christina Johnson

Jennifer Tariq-Towe

Roxbury Community College

Years of dreaming and planning came to life in 1973, when Roxbury Community College opened its doors in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite less than perfect surroundings - its location was a former car dealership - RCC's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of four hundred students. The College's mission, as it is now, was to provide higher education to those Boston residents who found most other avenues to higher education closed.

A global village, RCC's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all corners of the world including: North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. International students also hail from Brazil, China, Trinidad, Peru, Barbados, Nigeria, Haiti, and Jamaica.

In 1975, growth was the impetus for a move to 424 Dudley Street, a former nursing home. This move permitted the expansion and strengthening of academic programs and student services. The college continued to grow, which precipitated another move in 1982 to the former site of Boston State College on Huntington Avenue. As the college continued to shift its service base to meet expanding enrollment, the goal to establish a permanent home for Roxbury Community College in the heart of the communities it serves, remained strong.

With much anticipation and fanfare, Roxbury Community College built its new home as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in the Spring of 1988. This 15 acre campus includes a state-of-the-art Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Administration Building, Student Center, Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center and on-site parking. In addition to the 15 acre Columbus Avenue Campus, Roxbury Community College has an additional campus at 989 Commonwealth Avenue.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College is poised to enter the twenty-first century, continuing its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.

Commencement Address

PROVOST DAVID HALL

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

David Hall was appointed Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Northeastern University in July of 1998 after having served as Dean of Northeastern's Law School since 1993. His top priority as Dean of the Law School was improving legal education and the ethical standards of the profession. Stressing the School of Law's hallmarks-academic excellence, experiential learning, ethical responsibility and social justice - David Hall called upon all law schools to be places "where the values and spiritual foundations of future lawyers are nurtured, challenged and systematically emphasized."

In December of 1995, the *Wall Street Journal* published a page one article on Northeastern University School of Law and former Dean Hall. The article quoted Harvard Law Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., who said that David Hall is "one of the most important leaders in legal education today." A course on leadership and professional fulfillment, which he jointly developed with the law firm of Hale and Dorr, was featured in *U.S. News and World Report*.

The most vivid recent example of David Hall's leadership during his deanship was the establishment in 1995 of Northeastern's Urban Law and Public Policy Institute, an applied research center and information clearinghouse. Working to bridge the often-alienated worlds of law and the inner city, the Institute brings together community activists, government representatives and

academicians to develop solutions to seemingly intractable urban dilemmas. With a $1.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Urban Community Service Program, the Institute is currently working with local community groups on inner city revitalization and violence prevention programs.

David Hall served as associate dean of academic affairs for the School of Law from 1988 to 1992. He taught at the law schools of the University of Mississippi and the University of Oklahoma prior to his appointment at Northeastern, and practiced with the Federal Trade Commission in Chicago before entering academia. He has taught courses in contracts, bankruptcy, sales, constitutional law and civil rights, and his publications include works on civil rights, the constitution and race, legal education, and social justice.

Born in Savannah, Georgia, David Hall holds both a doctorate of juridical science and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. He received his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma in 1978, where he was also awarded a master's degree in human relations. He earned his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1972. Named an "All American" at Kansas State for both his athletic abilities in basketball and his scholarly accomplishments, David Hall played professionally in Italy for two years. He is married to Marilyn Braithwaite-Hall, and is the father of three children, Rahsaan, Sakile, and Kiamsha.

David Hall is president of the National Black Wholistic Society and serves as a member of the board of directors for numerous organizations. In 1993, David Hall received the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession Award. He has also been honored by the Boston Bar Association and other community-based organizations. In 1997, he was named Outstanding Dean of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Lawyers.

Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and sutdents wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th century European castles and halls of learning.

The bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguishable by its long square sleeves. The doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors become associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wears a green border, after the healing powers of medicinal herbs.

In Europe, a uniform color system never developed. However, in the United States, an intercollegiate committee meeting in1895 decided upon uniform color standards, assigning a specific color to each field of study.

The Kente stoles worn by the graduating students signify knowledge and prosperity

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Agriculture	Maize
Arts/Humanities	White
Chiropractic	Silver Gray
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Fine Arts	Brown
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Work	Citron
Theology	Scarlet

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